

In the Claims:

Please cancel claims 1-4, 6, 10 and 11, without prejudice, and amend claim 7.

The status of all claims is as follows:

1-4. (Canceled)

5. (Canceled)

6. (Canceled)

7. (Currently Amended) ~~The pneumatic tire according to claim 1,~~
comprising: A pneumatic tire comprising:

a member attached to an inner surface of a tread thereof by use of an elastic
fixing band, the member being independent from the tire; and

a stretching mechanism at least in one location on a circumference of the elastic
fixing band, the stretching mechanism automatically adjusting a circumferential length of the
elastic fixing band;

wherein the elastic fixing band is formed of a metallic band form with a width
in a range of 10 to 40 mm and a thickness in a range of 0.1 to 0.5 mm, and the member is a
sound absorbing member formed of a porous material.

8. (Original) The pneumatic tire according to claim 7, wherein the stretching mechanism is formed of an elastic spring mechanism.

9. (Original) The pneumatic tire according to claim 7, wherein the stretching mechanism is formed by coupling both ends of the elastic fixing band with each other in a manner that the elastic fixing band can slide.

10-11. (Canceled)